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SUBJECT: CONGOLESE ENVOY COMMENTS ON CONGO-CAR "MISUNDERSTANDING"

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1. CONGOLESE MINISTER OF COMMERCE OKABE VISITED BANGUI FROM 7-9 JULY AND WAS RECEIVED BY PRESIDENT BOKASSA ON 7 JULY. THE STATED PURPOSE OF THE VISIT WAS TO DELIVER A PERSONAL MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT NGOUABI IN ORDER TO "DISSIPATE" DISSENSION AND TO REINFORCE THE FRATERNAL TIES OF THE TWO COUNTRIES. (COMMENT: THERE HAS LONG BEEN RUMOR IN BANGUI THAT THE CONGO WAS SHELTERING AND GIVING MILITARY TRAINING TO DISSIDENT CENTRAL AFRICANS. THIS BONE OF CONTENTION WAS UNDOUBTEDLY EXACERBATED WHEN SEVERAL CENTRAL AFRICAN SOLDIERS REPORTEDLY SOUGHT AND RECEIVED ASYLUM IN THE CONGO FOLLOWING THE ABORTIVE FEBRUARY ATTEMPT ON BOKASSA'S LIFE. OKABE'S VISIT WAS PROBABLY A PEACE MAKING MISSION ON THE EVE OF THE UDEAC CONFERENCE IN POINTE NOIRE WHICH WILL BE ATTENDED BY LARGE NUMBER OF CENTRAL AFRICAN ADVISORS.)

2. MR. PAUL HENRY OLASSA MAY HAVE ACCOMPANIED OKABE BUT HIS NAME WAS NOT MENTIONED IN OFFICIAL COMMUNIQUE.
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